

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated November 27, 2009 within the one month period for reply. Claims 16-24 were pending in the application and the Examiner states that the claims are subject to restriction action and/or election requirement. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

The Examiner asserts a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring restriction of the application as follows:

Invention I: Claims 16-23, classified in class 386, subclass 95.

Invention II: Claim 24, classified in class 386, subclass 125.

Applicants elect Invention I, consisting of Claims 16-23 for prosecution in this application. Applicants select Invention I in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing election is made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The foregoing amendments conforms this application to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated November 27, 2009. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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